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US suspends Afghan police recruit training

KABUL (AFP) - US special forces in Afghanistan have suspended training for about 1,000 Afghan police recruits to vet existing members, the military said yesterday, after a surge in insider attacks on NATO.

There has been a sharp rise in so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in recent months, in which members of the Afghan security forces turn their weapons on their Western allies, sometimes their military trainers.

In more than 30 such incidents this year, 45 coalition troops have been killed -- about 14 percent of the overall death toll in the war for 2012. Most have been American, though the latest to die were three Australian troops.

"Current partnered operations have and will continue, even as we temporarily suspend training of about 1,000 new ALP (Afghan Local Police) recruits while re-vetting current members," a spokesman for the US forces in Afghanistan, Colonel Thomas Collins, said.

Taliban insurgents claim responsibility for many of the

attacks, saying their fighters have infiltrated the Afghan army and police, but NATO says the majority of the incidents are due to cultural differences and personal animosities.

Last month was the worst for insider attacks in more than 10 years of war, with nearly one in three international coalition deaths caused by Afghan allies.

The ALP -- which has around 16,000 members according to the Afghan interior ministry -- is a US-sponsored police force recruited to fight Taliban insurgents in remote areas of the Afghan countryside, though it has been accused of corruption and violence towards civilians.

The Washington Post said the re-vetting process would affect more than 27,000 Afghan troops.

The suspension was temporary, the colonel said but gave no timeframe.

Training for the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army -- carried out by NATO rather than the US -- will not be affected by the halt.

Evaluation of recent bomb simulation exercise at APA

Last Thursday afternoon the marine security commission under the presidency of Minister Oduber, met to evaluate the recent bomb simulation exercise (drill) held on the premises of the Aruba Ports Authority (APA).

Oduber reported that it has been several years since Aruba's membership in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS), that we have had a commission to deal with this matter. He explained that there are severe consequences for not complying



with the ISPS. It could even mean putting our wharf on a blacklist and any ship entering our port would be denied entrance into a US harbor. This, of course would be devastating to our cruise ship and cargo business.

Regarding the recent simulation which took place here, the Minister indicated that it was a very necessary training to ensure that Aruba is cognizant of any new issues that could take place here. The evaluation examined what went wrong and what could be improved. The intention is that we be well prepared for any eventuality on our wharf which could have dire consequences for our economy.

According to port director, Alfonso Boekhoudt, Aruba is prepared for any eventuality; however, we must ensure that

at every level everyone is aware of the laws governing all the aspects we must deal with and to be aware of the corresponding procedures. One matter raised during the evaluation meeting is that they must improve the communication between the different instances. Boekhoudt said that the drill was also meant to test the communication as something very essential in such a case. They felt that there is work to be done in this area.

The Aruba Chef of Police, indicated that the ultimate goal of the drill was achieved, but that there is always room for improvement and things from which we must learn. He concluded by saying that... "I have total confidence that we will arrive at the level of readiness needed as a country."

Critics: PDVSA slow in oil spill response

CARACAS -- An environmental group said last week Venezuela's state-owned oil company PDVSA delayed a response to an oil spill reported at a refinery in Curacao.

State-owned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela confirmed an oil spill at a refinery in Curacao. The company said it's been working to contain the incident for several days, reports Venezuelan newspaper El Universal.

The newspaper didn't indicate the severity of the incident, though environmental groups in the country said the oil company was lax in its response. The spill was discovered by Curacao authorities Aug. 17.

Clean Environment on Curacao Chairman Peter van Leeuwen said the island does not have an environmental department to deal with such events and PDVSA hasn't provided any guidelines in terms of a spill response, the newspaper adds.



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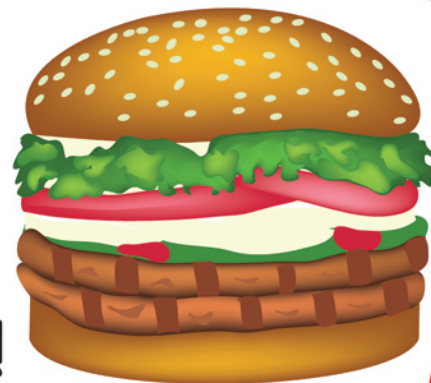
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Honorary Consul of India meets Dir. Dept of External Relations



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The purpose of the visit of Mr. Boolchand was a mutual follow up to the visit of the Ambassador of India at Caracas, Ms. Smita Purushottam, who visited Aruba last February 2012. They also discussed commercial opportunities between India and Aruba as well as consular matters between Aruba and India. Furthermore, they used the opportunity to fortify the ties of friendship which exists between the two countries. Ideas for improving

our economic and cultural cooperation was explored. They explored a plan which could be formalized in the future between Aruba and India. Both Aruba and Curacao has a large and growing Indian community.

Honorary Consul, Mr. Boolchand presented a gift to the Department of External Relations in the form of a book, titled, "The Ambassadors' Club - The Indian Diplomat at Large," which is a collection of articles written by Indian diplomats. Each diplomat presents their view of experiences and challenges faced during their work as diplomats, and of their contributions to world events while serving the interests of India and Indian citizens outside of the frontiers of India.

Paseo Herencia inaugurates the delicious month of September



Plaza Padu offers food and fun



Fish tacos and fajitas from Iguana cantina

September began with a tempting display of culinary virtuosity as the Palm Beach shopping/dining/entertainment center held the first of five Saturdays during the month that will showcase their many fine restaurants.

The Plaza Padu was laid out with lovely tables allowing visitors to the mall to sample the menus of Nobushi, Iguana Cantina, and TGI Friday's while sipping FREE MOJITOS graciously provided by Sky Lounge.

\$1.00 coupons were on sale at the parking cashier, to be redeemed for Chicken Fajitas, Fish Tacos, or a mouthwatering selection of sushi, or succulent spare ribs. Sample sizes cost only \$2 or \$3, and fine

vintages provided by Arion Wine Company were only \$2 a glass.

Well known steelpan artist Nel Schouten provided mellow background music. Shoppers enjoyed a thrilling taste of the acrobatics and graceful dance routines of the "Enchanted Aruba" show, which offered a special discounted entrance fee for the gourmet evenings.

Every Saturday until the end of the month, various restaurants within the mall will provide inexpensive samplings of their menus, accompanied by a free show. September will end with a Celebrity Chef Showdown featuring famed cooking stars from Bravo and the Food Network coming to compete. The event is organ-

ized by Chef Antonio Albertsz of Sabor Aruba 2012. Three international culinary celebrities will square off against Aruba's own Ever de Pena, a chef known for his food art, and sous chef at the Manchebo Beach Resort. Ever and Antonio are both graduates of Aruba famed Culinary Institute of the EPI School.

Aruba's culinary artists will show the world what their talent and expertise against some of the acknowledged names in the field. "We look forward to Ever and Antonio showing these famous chefs just how well we cook here. We have no doubt they will teach them a thing or two, and invite everyone to enjoy the show," commented Paseo Herencia General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho.

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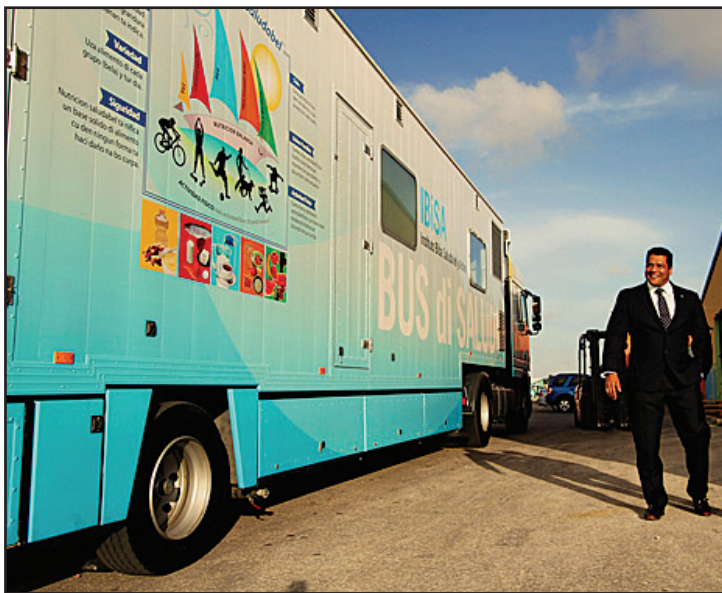
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Health Bus introduced to General Physicians

ORANJESTAD -- A special information session was recently organized by the government for all general physicians (called here 'House Doctors') to introduce them to the new Health Bus and the services this bus is designed to offer to the barrios around the island.

The Association of House Doctors (HAVA) invited all their members to this event. All doctors who provide the first line of service to the community were informed about this new service facility. The Health Bus was created for the purpose of getting closer to the community and specifically for the purpose of screening, and for the early detection of chronic diseases. It is also supposed to promote awareness about chronic illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension.

According to the Minister of Public Health, dr. richard Visser, there is a growing concern for the increase of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and elevated cholesterol. And, this



health bus will provide screening, but will not do diagnosis and should function as an extra aid to the doctors. As soon as one of the bus staff ascertains an irregularity during screening, the person in question will be advised to consult their doctor immediately.

The health bus will be staffed by qualified personnel from the Department of Public Health who will provide

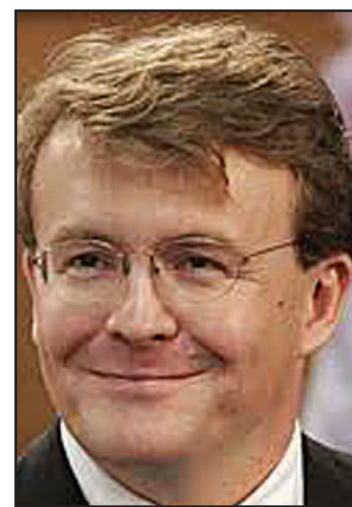
information and guidance as to how to take care of one's health. They will share information on how to eat healthy, exercise and in general how to take care of their health. The primary objective of such a bus, according to the government, is to work on prevention and the early detection of chronic diseases, and to offer all the services of the new IBISA department.

Dutch debate euthanasia of their prince

THE HAGUE -- Nearly six months ago Prince Friso, the son of Queen Beatrix, of the Netherlands, was buried in an avalanche while skiing in Austria. By the time he was rescued, he had already suffered severe brain damage. Ever since he has been in Wellington Hospital in London, where he was living and working before the accident. There is little chance that he will recover.

Now a well-known Dutch ethicist has claimed that if he had been hospitalised in the Netherlands, doctors would have stopped treating him. Heleen Dupuis, who is a member of the Dutch Upper House for the ruling Liberal Party (VVD), told Radio Netherlands, "it's questionable whether the prince will ever have a normal life again. I understand that the chances are extremely small."

Dr Dupuis made her remarks in a discussion about the cost of health care, an issue in the upcoming election in the Netherlands. As in other countries, the propor-



Prince Johan Friso

tion of elderly is growing and ever more expensive drugs are being developed to keep them alive a bit longer. She supports a utilitarian cost-benefit analysis for the dilemmas that this creates.

According the Evening Standard, the royal family would like to bring the prince home to the Netherlands. "If doctors switch off his life support he would become the highest-profile patient to die under the euthanasia reforms."



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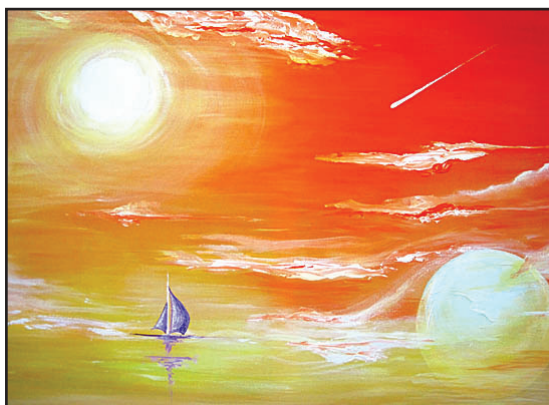
Artist Michiko Takatsu and mixed media work

Noted island artist Michiko Takatsu unveiled her first solo exhibit on Aruba on Friday evening, August 31, at the Westin Art Gallery in Palm Beach. The collection of 33 works, titled, "Vision Quest," is comprised of acrylic paintings on canvas, mixed media and Hari-e, the traditional Japanese art of painting with paper.

Michiko, expatriate Japanese, has been showing her work to appreciative audiences on Aruba since 2006. She is founder and president of the Stichting TAG 268, which organizes and curates annually the art exposition for the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival and other special events.

In her homeland, she trained in a number of the tra-

ditional Japanese arts from an early age. Ikebana, (Japanese Flower Arranging), Calligraphy, and the famed Classic Tea



Ceremony, Sadou, handed down by her aunts and great-aunts, through the generations.

Aside from bringing to Aruba the enchanting art of tearing and cutting fine papers and silk to make her ethereal collages, Michiko also explored the art of digital painting, imbuing her works with her very unique, spiritual touch.

She describes her first

solo show as "representing my philosophy, inner thoughts and feelings. "Simplicity with contrast and harmony" is the key to my work...my work always has messages, which each person interprets differently... Enjoy the puzzle of life!"

Michiko became immersed in a vision walk, during which she was inspired by her dreams to create the art for her latest show. She describes it as "a most unique experience," often feeling disembodied, as if the painting were done by someone else, and never quite sure how they would turn out until she felt they were complete.

This diverse collection contains abstract and impressionistic works. The minute details require close study to fully absorb their impact. The paintings are vibrant; the colors and forms often quite dramatic, yet still maintain that ethereal quality for which Michiko is known.

During the opening event, Michiko expressed her heartfelt thanks to her husband Eduardo for this deft hand in beautifully arranging her pieces, and Jean and Cyril of The Frame Shop for perfectly complementing a number of the works. She particularly thanked UNOCA for sponsoring the lovely catalog that accompanies the exhibit.

Westin Art Gallery is open 24/7 for viewing the latest expositions. They are located just off the main lobby of the Westin Resort in Palm Beach, and a representative is on hand several afternoons a week. For more information on this collection, contact the artists at artgallery168@gmail.com or call 740-2678.

by Rosalie Klein

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Paseo Herencia Management enjoy a moment with Nobushi



Ribs from TGI Fridays

The final Celebrity Chef Showdown will be on Saturday, September 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 PM. It will be an elegant affair on the rooftop of the Paseo Herencia parking garage, and VIP tickets are on sale. The public is invited to come and watch the chefs do their magic, for no entrance fee.

Until then, culinary delights will be offered every weekend in the Plaza Padu accompanied by entertainment. All are invited to enjoy a tasteful evening



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For the past 18 years, the family Cox has been coming to the Hyatt on Aruba for their summer vacation together every August. It is always around the time of the parents, Marge and Arthur's anniversary. This year they are celebrating their 52nd Wedding Anniversary, Arthur's 75th birthday, and the arrival of a new grandchild, Jack, who is now 8 months old. Photos show Marge and Arthur, daughter Debra, with her husband Eddie, their two daughters, Madison and Morgan, and daughter Nicole, with her husband Keith, daughter Brooke, and their son, Jack. Congratulations, and it's always nice to welcome you back to your home away from home.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thousands join funeral of long-time Ethiopia leader Meles

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) - Tens of thousands of Ethiopians and many African leaders mourned late strongman Meles Zenawi yesterday at the first state funeral for a leader of the Horn of Africa nation in over 80 years.

Followed by giant crowds, Meles' flag-draped coffin was carried on a carriage through the capital from the National Palace to the vast Meskel Square, his family dressed in black following behind, many in tears.

The long-serving prime minister, who died last month aged 57, was hailed as an

African hero and was a key Western ally in a region home to Al-Qaeda-linked groups, but also criticised by rights groups for a crackdown on basic freedoms.

"The late prime minister was working not only for the renaissance of Ethiopia, but also for the renaissance for all of Africa," deputy Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn said in a speech after prayers at Meskel Square.

Hailemariam, who will lead the government until national elections in 2015, sat behind the coffin, which was placed

on a stage above the huge crowd in the square.

"All his initiatives will keep going forward, all the transformation plans will progress," he said.

His widow Azeb Mesfin closed the ceremony in the square -- paying tribute to a man she said "never cared for himself, but only for his country -- before the funeral cortege moved to the Holy Trinity Cathedral, where Meles was buried.

People wailed as a 21-gun salute was fired as the coffin was lowered into the grave.

Presidents of all Ethiopia's neighbours -- with the exception of arch-foe Eritrea -- attended, including Djibouti's Ismail Omar Guelleh, Kenya's Mwai Kibaki, South Sudan's Salva Kiir, Sudan's Omar al-Bashir, and Somalia's Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed.

Unification Church founder Moon dies at 92

SEOUL (AFP) - Sun Myung Moon, who founded the Unification Church and turned it into a thriving business empire, has died in South Korea at the age of 92, Yonhap news agency said citing news reports.

Moon, who was hospitalised with complications from pneumonia more than two weeks ago, died just before 2 am (1700 GMT Sunday), Yonhap news agency said citing a report.

The church on Friday said the religious leader had critical organ failure and quoted doctors as saying he had entered "an irreversible stage of his condition".

Tutu: Blair, Bush should face trial over Iraq war

LONDON (AFP) - Archbishop Desmond Tutu called yesterday for British ex-leader Tony Blair and former US president George W Bush to face trial in The Hague for their role in the Iraq war.

The South African peace icon, writing in The Observer newspaper, accused the pair of lying about weapons of mass destruction and said the invasion left the world more destabilised and divided "than any other conflict in history".

Tutu argued that different standards appeared to apply for prosecuting African leaders than western counterparts, and added that the death toll during and after the Iraq conflict was sufficient for Blair and Bush to face trial.

"On these grounds alone, in a consistent world, those responsible for this suffering and loss of life should be treading the same path as some of their African and Asian peers who have been made to answer for their actions in The Hague," Tutu wrote in the weekly Sunday newspaper.

"But even greater costs have been exacted beyond the killing fields, in the hardened hearts and minds of members of the human family across the world."

However, Blair responded

in a statement saying that "this is the same argument we have had many times with nothing new to say".

Tutu, a long-standing vocal critic of the Iraq war, had snubbed Blair last week, pulling out of a South African conference on leadership last week because the ex-premier was attending. The peace icon said he had boycotted the event in protest at Blair's "morally indefensible" support of the US-led 2003 Iraq invasion.

The archbishop added yesterday: "I did not deem it appropriate to have this discussion. As the date drew nearer, I felt an increasingly profound sense of discomfort about attending a summit on 'leadership' with Mr Blair."

He added: "Leadership and morality are indivisible. Good leaders are the custodians of morality. The question is not whether Saddam Hussein was good or bad or how many of his people he massacred. The point is that Mr Bush and Mr Blair should not have allowed themselves to stoop to his immoral level.

"If it is acceptable for leaders to take drastic action on the basis of a lie, without an acknowledgement or an apology when they are found out, what should we teach our children?"



KABUL : An Afghan labourer works at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul on September 2, 2012. Over a third of Afghans are living in abject poverty, as those in power are more concerned about addressing their vested interests rather than the basic needs of the population, a UN report said. (AFP PHOTO)



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan imam held in 'blasphemy girl' case

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - A Pakistani cleric who accused a young Christian girl of blasphemy in a case that sparked international concern was remanded in custody yesterday on suspicion of evidence-tampering and desecrating the Koran.

The girl, Rimsha, has been held in prison since being arrested in the poor Islamabad suburb of Mehrabad more than two weeks ago accused of burning papers containing verses from the Koran, in breach of Pakistan's strict blasphemy laws.

A medical report last week said she had a mental age of less than 14 and her case has prompted concern among Western governments and anger from rights groups who say Pakistan's strict blasphemy legislation is often abused to settle personal scores.

Hafiz Mohammed Khalid Chishti, the imam of the mosque in Rimsha's area, who first gave police the burned papers as evidence against her,

was detained by police on Saturday evening.

"The imam was arrested after his deputy Maulvi Zubair and two others told a magistrate he added pages from the Koran to the burnt pages brought to him by a witness," police investigator Munir Husain Jaffri said.

Zubair and the two others, Mohammad Shahzad and Awais Ahmed, said they had urged Chishti not to interfere with the papers, Jaffri said.

"They protested that he should not add something to the evidence and he should give the evidence to the police as he got it and should not do this," Jaffri said.

"But they said Chishti said, 'You know this is the only way to expel the Christians from this area.'"

Jaffri said the cleric was arrested at his home on Saturday under the blasphemy law.

Yesterday around 150 Christians and rights activists held a protest march in Rawalpindi calling for Rimsha's release.

S.Africa to drop murder charges against miners

PRETORIA (AFP) - South Africa said yesterday that controversial murder charges against 270 miners over the deaths of fellow workers shot by police, the worst such clash since the apartheid era, will be provisionally dropped.

Following a public furore, acting national director of prosecutions Nomgcobo Jiba, said that after having sought an explanation from the department's lead prosecutors, she had taken the decision to review the charge.

"The murder charge against the current 270 suspects, which was provisional anyway, will be formally withdrawn provisionally in court

on their next court appearance," Jiba told reporters.

A final decision would be taken on the charges after a series of investigations into the shootings, which left 34 miners dead, had delivered their findings. They include a judicial commission of inquiry appointed by President Jacob Zuma, which has four months to complete its work.

A decision and a "pronouncement on final charges to be preferred against any persons involved will only be made once all investigations have been completed," she said.

Thursday's decision to charge the miners over the Au-

gust 16 killings during a wild-cat strike at the Lonmin platinum mine, in what was the worst police violence since the end of apartheid, had triggered outrage.

The workers have been held in custody since they were arrested on the day of the shooting at Lonmin's mine in Marikana, northwest of Johannesburg, which left 34 dead and 78 wounded.

Courts will start releasing them from today after police verify their addresses. The first batch of more than 100 miners is due to be freed today while the rest should go home on Thursday.

Iran plans major air defence exercise

TEHRAN- Iran plans to start a major military exercise later this month to test its air defence systems, a top Revolutionary Guards commander said in comments published yesterday.

The exercise was announced by Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili, who heads the elite force's air defence command, amid rising speculation

that Israel is weighing the option of a pre-emptive military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.

"All of the air defence systems of the Guards as well as those of the army will be used in the drill," which is planned to run from September 21 to October 21, Esmaili was quoted as telling the official IRNA news agency.

He told the Young Journalists Club, a group affiliated to Iranian state television, that his unit's priority was protecting nuclear facilities.

In addition to the air defence systems, fighter and bomber jets will be used in the exercise, which Esmaili said will simulate "unexpected scenarios" to test the forces' crisis management.

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Management Plan regarding breast cancer investigation submitted

It has been determined that there are 212 women on Aruba diagnosed with breast cancer since 2007. There has been an increase noted in breast cancer cases during the years 2007 to 2010 on Aruba. Organizations working with cancer situations have indicated that there are 200 new cases during the period noted.

Enrita Werleman, co-founder of the Breast Cancer Investigation in the Community (BOB), and member of the Mary Joan Foundation had much praise and satisfaction for the work that the foundation has been doing during the past years. Enrita Werleman explained that the project was begun more than a year ago both with a seminar and the "Cas di Glas" project.

One of Aruba's greatest concerns is the increase of cases of breast cancer. As it



stands the number now is 1 out of every 8 women is being diagnosed with breast cancer. One of the things they are contemplating is to have more testing machines at the Mammopoli so that they can test more women to be able to detect cancer at the earliest

stage. In this context they brought a few professionals to Aruba last year. One of them was the group from Curacao – Fundacion Prevencion. This group is involved in screening for breast cancer.

They also had visitors from Holland from an organ-

ization that could help Aruba with training and quality control of the screening machines.

Enrita Werleman indicated that the BOB project is quite a large undertaking involving different instances and departments such as the Department of Public Health, Wilhelmina

Kanker Fonds, Mary Joan Foundation and the Hospital.

Eugene Maduro, representing the Department of Public Health functioning as coordinator, mentioned that he was approached by Mary Joan Foundation last year to do a presentation of the statistics during the seminar that was held last year.

The statistics we now have on Aruba indicates that breast cancer is a serious problem as it is constantly on the increase. Between 2007 and 2008 50 new cases were registered each year. When the Mammopoli was instituted in 2009, the cases began to increase, we now have a total of 212 women on Aruba diagnosed with breast cancer. According to Maduro, when a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, in 35% of cases the cancer is already in an advance stage, phase 2. Some are even already into

stage 3.

The information from the Public Laboratory at the Patology Department, which is the only diagnostic center, reports that women between the ages 45 to 74 are the most affected by breast cancer on Aruba. More than 50% of the cases, the women are between 45 to 64 years of age. While 27% of the cases are women between 65 to 74 years of age.

According to the Minister of Public Health, breast cancer is somehow tied to the problem of obesity, more so than cigarette smoking is tied to lung cancer. The amount of obesity and overweight cases on Aruba is a reason for the risk increase in breast cancer. This is another research which must be conducted here.

The Minister reported that the project at the Medical Institute in San Nicolaas which is a joint venture with Baptist Hospital, will provide us very soon with a Cancer Center and Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy equipment of the most recent technological advancement. This will eventually evolve into an Oncological Hospital, according to the Minister of Public Health.

Thalidomide victims reject 'insulting' apology, 50 years on

LONDON (AFP) - Thalidomide survivors on Saturday rebuffed an apology by the German company that manufactured the drug, saying it was an "insulting" response to the thousands born disabled as a result of its use. In its first apology for the scandal in 50 years, Grunenthal said on Friday it was "very sorry" for its silence towards victims of the drug, which was sold to pregnant women in the 1950s and early 1960s to cure morning sickness.

But victims said the apology was too little, too late for the estimated 10,000 children worldwide who were born

with defects -- including missing limbs -- after their mothers took thalidomide. "We feel that a sincere and genuine apology is one which actually admits wrongdoing.

The company has not done that and has really insulted the Thalidomiders," British victim Nick Dobrik told BBC radio. Victims' charities estimate that there are between 5,000 and 6,000 people still living who were deformed by the drug, which was sold in nearly 50 countries before it was pulled from the market in 1961 amid one of the world's biggest medical scandals.

HEALTH TIP

Under-eating can be a mistake as well.

Not eating regularly through the day causes a disruption in blood sugar and insulin levels which can promote fat storage and lower your metabolism.

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SCI-TECH

US experts probe beaching that killed 17 whales

MIAMI(AFP) - US scientists are to investigate what led 22 whales to beach themselves in Florida -- killing 17 of them -- one of three such incidents in North America over the weekend.

The dead whales will be "dispersed at different labs across Florida for necropsy," or animal autopsies, Blair Mase, regional stranding coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told AFP on Sunday.

Only five of the 22 pilot whales survived after beaching themselves Saturday morning at Avalon Beach State Park, on the east coast of Florida, despite efforts by volunteers and experts to save the group.

So far, it is unclear why the whales swam ashore. Mase said experts would collect data to try to find out why the whales stranded themselves.

The survivors, four juveniles and one calf, are "stable" and "swimming on their own," Mase said. They are currently at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and will likely be transported later to SeaWorld in Orlando.

However, two other groups of whales swam onto beaches in North America -- one in Cape Cod on Saturday and another in Canada on Sunday -- an occurrence that Mase said merited further investigation.

"It's very interesting that we're seeing all these mass strandings occur in North America right now," she added.

Pilot whales are tightly knit and sometimes swim on to beaches as a group when one of them is ill.

In those cases, Mase told local media, it does not help to push the whales back into the water, because they tend to quickly swim back to shore again.

NASA teams up with will.i.am to beam first song from Mars



NASA transmitted the first song to be broadcast from Mars recently, by Grammy-winning US musician will.i.am, as part of efforts to inspire young people to get interested in science.

"Reach for the Stars" was then beamed back by the Curiosity rover, which landed on the surface of the Red Planet earlier this month, to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California.

"It seems surreal," the US rapper and actor said explaining how NASA administrator Charles Bolden had called him to suggest beaming a song back from Mars as part of educational outreach efforts by the US space agency.

The song -- with lyrics including "I know that Mars might be far, but baby it ain't really that far" -- involved a 40-piece orchestra including French horns, rather than a more modern electronically-generated sound.



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The new Concept One car



A Concept One car seen driving down a road in this undated handout released on August 31, 2012. Croatian concept car manufacturer Rimac Automobili based near Zagreb prepares to unveil a prototype of their Concept One electric supercar at the upcoming Salon Prive car show in London in early this month. The Concept One has a carbon fiber body an electric motor powering

each wheel, and can produce 1,088 horse powers, capable of achieving top speed of around 305 kmh (190 mph) with a range of 600 kilometres (373 miles), making it the world's fastest electric car. Costing around \$1 million each, only 13 of these high-end electric cars are expected to be produced per year.

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1. Crow cries
5. Congregant's seat
8. Type of devil
12. Missing, GI-style
13. Historian's word
14. Shape of an egg
15. Peel
16. Monday through Friday, for most
18. Rugrats
20. ___ and bones
21. Enjoy Aspen
22. ___ tomatoes
26. Barbecue

residue

28. Rural antenna
31. Days gone by
32. Strive
33. Box-score item
35. ___ Tin Tin
36. Brain passage
38. Mishap word
39. Ring item
40. Hold back
42. Pet doc
44. "Eye of ___ and toe of frog..."
46. Architects' output
49. Office or lab
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56. Court entry
57. Bird-feeder morsel
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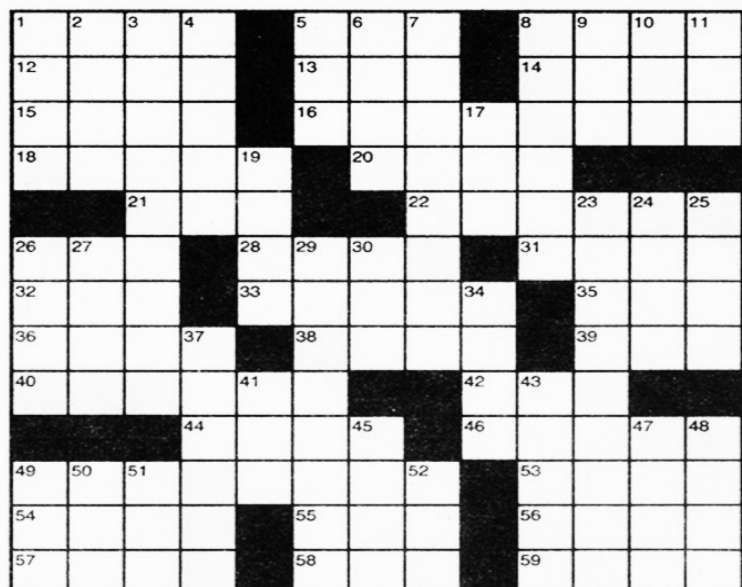
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3. Accountant's page
4. Like a sports car's shape
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6. Senses of self
7. Seminar's kin
8. Roma of "Touched by an Angel"
9. Fifth, e.g.: abbr.
10. "Norma ___"
11. Lodge brother
17. Scout Carson
19. Take one's part
23. Laboratory item
24. Lake port
25. Just say "no"
26. Fervent
27. Place
29. Like some ornamental fences
30. Sign of a B'way hit
34. Invitation letters
37. Graded
41. Employment suffix
43. Get hitched secretly
45. Type of bag or board
47. Playwright Coward
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49. Ozs. and lbs.
50. Lode find
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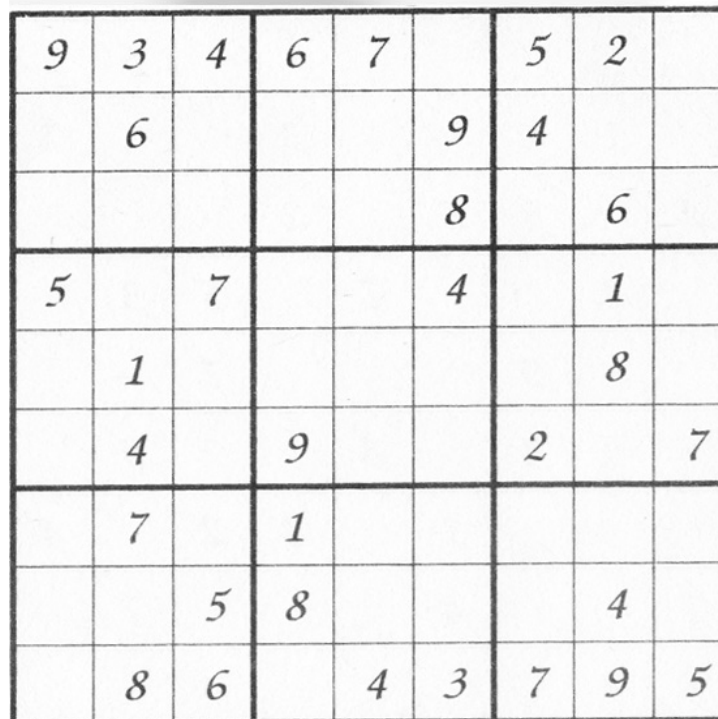
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US Airways, American move toward a possible merger

NEW YORK -- US Airways Group Inc. is a step closer to a possible merger with American Airlines.

The two carriers announced that they have signed a nondisclosure agreement on the weekend and would exchange confidential financial information so that they could evaluate a potential combination.

The companies said they would not speak publicly about the status of discussions, until they have a deal or terminate talks.

The airlines said they would work "in good faith" and "close collaboration" with American's unsecured-creditors committee. They noted there was "no assurance that a transaction will result."

American also signed a similar agreement with International Consolidated Airlines Group SA, owner of British Airways, it was reported.

US Airways, the dominant airline in Philadelphia, has aggressively pursued a possible merger with American since

soon after AMR Corp. filed for bankruptcy in November.

In a letter to US Airways employees Friday, CEO Doug Parker said he was "pleased to be working directly with American to study a potential merger."

For passengers, a merger would have no immediate impact. But a year or two into the combination, changes would ramp up: Frequent flier programs would merge, fares could rise, planes would take on American Airlines' colors and glitches could surface as their reservation systems integrate.



A worker shows a finished aluminum pot at a workshop in Managua. A group of Nicaraguan craftsmen are recycling aluminum from cans, metal parts, automobile parts or old household utensils they buy from people who scavenge in the Chureca or other landfills, to make pots for export as well as for the local market. Some 5000 families are earning their living with this process.
(AFP PHOTO)

French unemployment passes symbolic 3 mn mark

PARIS (AFP) - French Labour Minister Michel Sapin said yesterday that the country's unemployment had passed the symbolic number of three million registered jobseekers and would keep rising.

Asked on Radio J about the number of jobseekers hitting 2.99 million in July, Sapin said there was no doubt the number had risen beyond that.

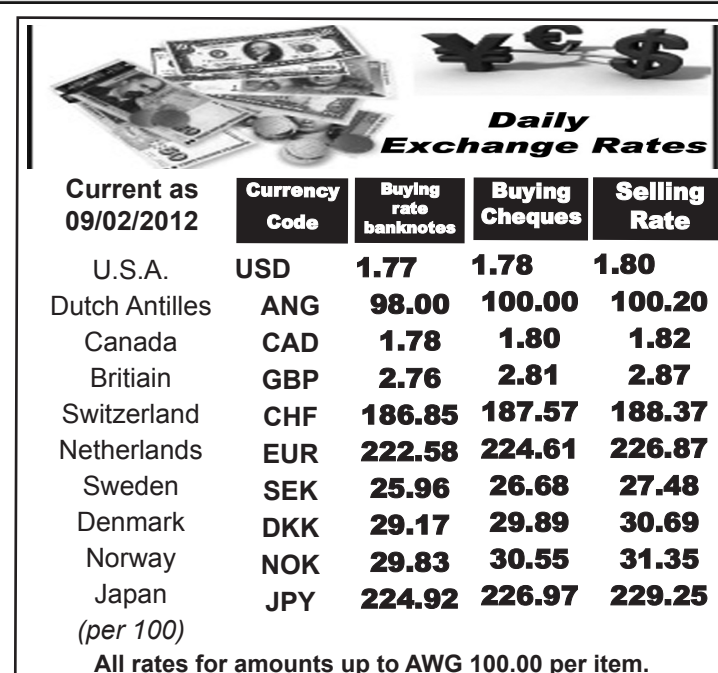
"What will next year's unemployment rate be? Nobody knows. We have already hit three million. The numbers you are talking about, which

are the numbers for July, are already outdated," Sapin said.

"The question is will it rise by very much? Yes, it will rise. At some point will we be able to reverse it? Yes," he said.

"These are economic decisions, European decisions," he said. "We need growth to create jobs."

French President Francois Hollande's Socialist government is struggling to tackle rising unemployment after he took office in May amid the debt crisis that is dragging down European economies.



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Switzerland	CHF	186.85	187.57	188.37
Netherlands	EUR	222.58	224.61	226.87
Sweden	SEK	25.96	26.68	27.48
Denmark	DKK	29.17	29.89	30.69
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Japan	JPY	224.92	226.97	229.25

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FINANCE

Russia's oil output hits post-Soviet high

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian leaders hailed their powerful energy industry yesterday as the country posted a post-Soviet record high rate of oil production that should boost coffers in uncertain global economic times.

The energy ministry said private and state companies extracted a combined 10.38 million barrels per day in August -- only a slight increase over July but higher than any figure seen in the past two decades.

Nearly a quarter of the oil was produced by the government's expanding Rosneft unit that last year struck Russia's first Arctic exploration agreement with the US super-major ExxonMobil.

Analysts said production is rising as companies seek to take full advantage of strong global oil prices before a potential hit from the impact of a mooted Greek withdrawal from the eurozone in the

months to come.

But the news is especially welcome for a budget that earned 49 percent of its revenues from oil and gas sales in 2011 and will now hope for output to meet President Vladimir Putin's big spending promises for his third term.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said the country had assumed its "rightful place" as the world's largest combined exporter of oil and natural gas.

But "it is important to keep moving ahead along the path of innovation," Medvedev also cautioned. "We have to adopt advanced, science-intensive technology and improve labour production."

Russia claimed the world's top oil production rate last year but now closely trails Saudi Arabia because it lacks the resources to quickly step up output at times of rising prices.

It is still the globe's top natural gas exporter thanks to Gazprom -- a state behemoth now facing headwinds because of its failure to tap exploding liquefied natural and shale gas markets in time.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



Woman beats the odds to make Saudi Arabia's first film



VENICE, Italy (AFP) - The female director of Saudi Arabia's first feature film, showing at the Venice film festival, has explained how she beat the odds to produce the heartwarming tale of a girl's quest to own a bicycle.

In Haifaa Al Mansour's landmark film "Wadjda," 10-year-old Waad Mohammed plays a girl who is also testing the boundaries of a woman's place in a highly conservative society where her love for Western music and fashions land her in trouble.

Mohammed's impish personality and resilience in the face of adversity add to the poignancy of the story and left some of the film's first viewers in tears.

"She had this vulnerability and she embodied what a Saudi teenager is," Al Mansour said, speaking in the lush courtyard of the Excelsior hotel.

"I wanted to show the tension between modernity and tradition," she said.

Al Mansour said she was forced to direct what is her first feature film from a van with a walkie-talkie in some of the more conservative neighbourhoods where she could not be seen in public together with male crew and cast members.

In some areas, screaming local residents would block shooting altogether.

She said finding financing also posed a problem in a country where cinemas are officially banned and any film is considered a commercial risk.

"Wadjda" will only be available in the kingdom on DVD or on television.

"There is no film in Saudi Arabia. Showing films in public is illegal so we don't have this culture of filmmaking. I was never able to go on a film set and get training and see how things are. It was very difficult," she said.

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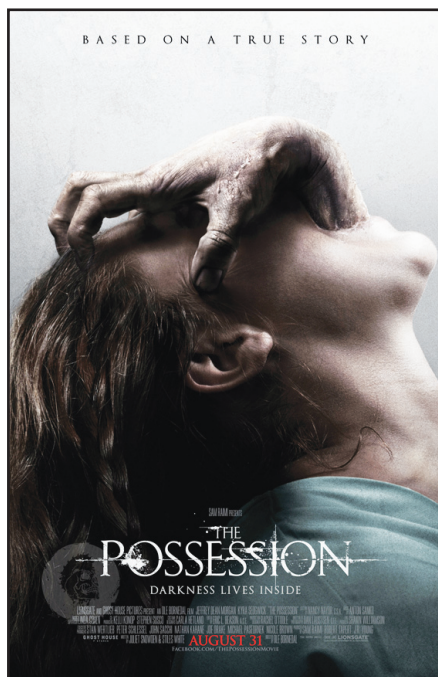
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'The Possession' tops N. America box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Horror flick "The Possession" exorcised A-list action romp "The Expendables 2" from the top slot at the North American box office at the weekend, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

The newly-released supernatural thriller, which stars Kyra Sedgwick and Jeffrey Dean Morgan as divorcing parents trying to rid their daughter of an evil spirit, raked in \$17.7 million, said movie tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Another new release, Depression-era Western "Lawless," took second place in the rankings but it lagged in takings -- generating \$9.7 million on a slow, late summer weekend which will be followed by the Labor Day

holiday on Monday.

"The Expendables 2" and "The Bourne Legacy" fell to third and fourth places, with \$8.8 million and \$7.2 million in ticket sales, respectively.

"Paranorman," an animated movie about a boy who can speak to the dead, held onto its spot just behind the two action blockbusters, earning \$6.5 million in box office receipts.

And quirky fantasy-comedy "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" held steady at sixth place, bringing in \$6.1 million.

In seventh was "The Dark Knight Rises," the latest Batman film, which took in \$5.9 million. The final installment in the trilogy directed by Christopher Nolan has so far raked in more than \$431 million.

Political spoof "The Campaign," meanwhile, starring Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis, dropped to eighth place, with box office receipts of \$5.4 million, while "2016: Obama's America," a documentary by conservative writer and commentator Dinesh D'Souza, came in ninth, with \$5.1 million.

And rounding out the top 10 was Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones's romantic comedy "Hope Springs," with \$4.7 million in ticket sales.

Oscar-winning songwriter Hal David dead at 91

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Hal David, an Oscar- and Grammy-winning lyricist who produced dozens of hit songs with composer Burt Bacharach, died Saturday in Los Angeles. He was 91.

David died of complications from a stroke, according to Jim Steinblatt, spokesman for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers that the songwriter once led.

Bacharach and David's long series of hits during their collaboration from the 1950s through the 1970s included "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," "What The World Needs Now Is Love" and "What's New Pussycat?"

As a lyric writer, Hal was simple, concise and poetic -- conveying volumes of meaning in (the) fewest possible words and always in service to the music," ASCAP president and chairman Paul Williams said in a statement.

"It is no wonder that so many of his lyrics have be-

come part of our everyday vocabulary and his songs... the backdrop of our lives."

Music legends such as The Beatles, Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand recorded the duo's music, along with their longtime partner Dionne Warwick.

In May, President Barack Obama presented David and Bacharach the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song during a White House musical tribute.

David, who was president of the ASCAP from 1980 to 1986, led the Songwriters Hall of Fame as chairman and CEO for a decade ending last year, and was chairman emeritus until his death.

His first major hit came somewhat late in life -- with "Magic Moments," recorded in 1957 with Perry Como -- when David was already in his late 30s.

He also found success on Broadway, with musicals like "Promises, Promises," which ran for 1,281 performances after debuting in 1968.

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Healthy, tasty treats on the menu at Lecca Lecca

No foray to Oranjestad is complete without a stop to refresh and refuel at Lecca Lecca, the stylish "Gelato Shoppe" located right in the main bus terminal. This adorable eatery sports a menu that reflects the passion of its owner, Milly Lacle, for "healthy, natural foods, for a healthy body."

The idea of a sweet treat being good for you is contrary to everything we are being told today, but Milly did her homework before establishing her gelato and sorbetto factory on the second floor. Her recipes come from a respected gelato house in Italy, where they have been producing the refreshing, low or no fat product since the 1800's. She continues the tradition of using only fresh fruit juices and natural ex-



Favorites and unique flavors like grapefruit and lemon mint

process. The end product is whipped light and fluffy naturally, producing a satisfying treat drastically lower in fat, sugar and calories than traditional ice cream.

Unique flavors found nowhere else are a revelation. For a delightful surprise and pure refreshment, sample the grapefruit, passion fruit or carrot sorbetto; the rich, dark, sugar-free chocolate gelato is absolutely sinful, without the guilty conscience! They also have a unique collection of yogurt gelatos swirled with

fresh fruit sorbetto in delightful combinations.

Lecca Lecca offers an attractive lunch menu including quiche made with only fresh vegetables, and sandwiches on crusty bread they prepare in their own bakery. Indulge in the soup of the day for a hearty



Fresh vegetable quiche

tracts to as flavoring.

There are absolutely no artificial colorants or preservatives in the gelato and sorbetto, which is produced fresh daily; leftovers at the end of the day are donated to children's homes Casa Cuna or Imeldahoff. They have over 60 flavors on their roster with 18 available at the shop each day, including at least one sugar-free and one-gluten free for those with special dietary needs. All the gelato is made from organic milk flown in from Italy, guaranteed free of steroids and antibiotics. Lecca Lecca pasteurizes the milk in their factory, to be sure there are no chemicals used in the

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SPORTS

Pistorius dethroned, as Brazil, China triumph

LONDON (AFP) - Oscar Pistorius was on Sunday dethroned as young Brazilian Alan Oliveira stole his Paralympic T44 200m crown with a powerful run, topping a successful night on the track for the South American nation.

But the 25-year-old Pistorius hit out after his shock silver that silenced the 80,000-strong crowd at the Olympic Stadium, complaining he was at a disadvantage because of the length of some of his rivals' artificial running blades.

"The IPC (International Paralympic Committee) don't want to listen," the South African "Blade Runner" told Britain's Channel 4 television. "The guys' legs are unbelievably long. Not taking away from Alan's performance, he's a great athlete."

"But these guys are a lot taller and you can't compete with the stride length."

"You saw how far he (Oliveira) came back. We aren't racing a fair race. I gave it my best."

"The IPC have their regulations. The regulations allow that athletes can make themselves unbelievably high. We've tried to address the issue with them in the weeks up to this and it's just been falling on deaf ears."

Pistorius, who had been seeking to defend all three of the T44 sprint titles he won in Beijing four years ago, said US bronze medallist Blake Leeper's knee height, for example, was "like four inches (10cm) higher than it should be".

"The guys are just running ridiculous times and they're

able to do so. I think Alan's a great athlete but... I run just over 10 metres per second," he added.

"I don't know how you can come back, watching the replay, from eight metres behind on the 100 to win. It's absolutely ridiculous."

Twenty-year-old Oliveira's unexpected victory was greeted with wild cheering from his compatriots and was the highlight of three golds among five medals for Brazil on the night.

Earlier, Terezinha Guilhermina retained her T11 200m title in a clean sweep of medals that saw Jerusa Geber Santos take silver and Jhulia Santos bronze.

Compatriot Yohansson Nascimento then triumphed in the men's T46 equivalent over the same distance in a new world record.

China also had a successful day, with rower Huang Cheng providing a major upset by inflicting the first defeat in British favourite Tom Aggar's five-year international career in the men's arms-only (ASM1x) single sculls.

Huang, 30, said he was "very excited" by his win and after lowering Aggar's world record in qualifying but the British rower, who came fourth, said he was "devastated" to have lost his unbeaten record and Paralympic title.

Elsewhere, in the women's arms-only (ASW1x) single sculls, two-time world champion Alla Lysenko of Ukraine took gold, while Britain gave the home crowd some cheer by taking the legs, trunks and arms (LTAMix4+) mixed

coxed four.

Huang's victory was one of two rowing golds for China, with world champions Fei Tianming and Lou Xiaoxian winning the trunk and arms mixed double sculls (TAMix2x).

In athletics, Zhou Guohua won the women's T12 100m for visually impaired athletes in 12.05sec, wheelchair racer Li Huzhao won the men's T53 400m and Gao Mingjie retained his F44 javelin title.

British wheelchair racer David Weir was later roared to victory in the T54 5,000m race and now looks to defend his Beijing 800m and 1,500m titles.

China also won the final C1-5 team sprint on the last day of track cycling to tie with Britain on five golds but the host nation topped the final table with more silver and bronze.


In the pool, stand-out performances included Ihar Boki of Belarus, who picked up his third gold of the Games with a world record in the S13 100m freestyle, while Mallory Weggemann of the United States won the women's S8 50m freestyle.

She complained earlier this week that she had "lost faith" in the classification process after she was moved up a category on the eve of the Games.

Matthew Cowdrey, meanwhile, made it 10 Paralympic career gold medals as Australia won the men's 4x100m freestyle 34 Points relay, leaving him just one gold short of becoming his country's most successful athlete at the Games.




Cuba's Yunidis Castillo celebrates after winning the women's 200m T46 final race at the 2012 Paralympics in London, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012.



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Luke Donald apologizes for Twitter gaffe

NORTON, Massachusetts (AFP) - A contrite Luke Donald apologized Sunday for slamming golf course architect Gil Hanse in a Twitter posting that he thought was private.

England's Donald had bogeyed the par-five 18th hole at the TPC Boston on Saturday, a hole that Hanse had reconfigured with a smaller green featuring steep slopes away from the playing surface.

Donald said he thought he was sending a direct message Saturday night to Hanse via the social networking site, but instead the public tweet started

with Donald's cell phone number and then said, "Gil Hanse is a (expletive). Haha."

Donald quickly deleted both tweets and on Sunday apologized to Hanse and anyone else who might have been offended.

"I didn't mean to put it out there, and I apologize to anyone I offended, especially Gil Hanse," he said.

Donald said he received numerous phone calls soon after posting his own number, but he wasn't complaining.

"That's what I deserve," he said.



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Orioles crush Yankees



Baltimore Orioles' Mark Reynolds hits a three-run home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Phil Hughes in the sixth inning of a baseball game on Sunday

Mark Reynolds flexed his muscles crushing a pair of home runs as the Baltimore Orioles pounced on the ailing New York Yankees 8-3 on Sunday to close the gap on the American League East leaders.

The visiting Orioles trailed early before Reynolds launched a three-run homer in the sixth inning, to go along with a solo shot in the fifth, to give his team a 5-3 lead and help them take two-of-three games from the Yankees.

Baltimore's (74-59) latest triumph pulled them within two games of New York (76-57).

The Yankees suddenly look vulnerable as they played without Curtis Granderson (hamstring) and are also missing injured power-hitters Mark Teixeira and Alex Rodriguez.

"You look at a lot of young guys in here - they don't even know they're in the middle of a playoff race probably," Reynolds said. "Everyone in here's having fun, going out and playing hard."

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Djokovic storms on, Roddick stretches long goodbye

NEW YORK (AFP) - Defending champion Novak Djokovic stormed into the US Open last 16 on Sunday as Andy Roddick stretched his long goodbye into a prime-time showdown with fellow former champion Juan Martin Del Potro.

Djokovic coasted past French 30th seed Julien Benneteau 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 despite being forced to open up play on day seven at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It was an early match for me. Usually I don't like to play the first match," said second-seeded Djokovic.

"So it was important to stay strong and commit to every point."

The Serb didn't face a single break point in his 97-minute victory, his fourth on the trot against Benneteau, firing 13 aces and 41 winners.

The 25-year-old hasn't dropped a serve since the first game of his first-round match and has made the last 16 for a sixth successive year by losing just 14 games in three rounds.

He goes on to face Swiss 18th seed Stanislas Wawrinka, a semi-finalist in 2010, who eased past 14th-seeded Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 for a spot in the quarter-finals.

American 20th seed Roddick delayed his retirement by advancing to the fourth round with a 7-5, 7-6 (7/1), 4-6, 6-4 victory over Italy's Fabio Fognini.

Roddick, the 2003 US Open winner, who will retire once this tournament is over, will play for a spot in the quarter-finals against 2009



winner Juan Martin Del Potro, the seventh seed from Argentina.

"I am trying to keep all of my emotions together. All the support I have received over the past few days has been truly humbling," said 30-year-old Roddick.

Del Potro defeated 63rd-ranked compatriot Leonardo

Mayer 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (11/9) in a three-hour 20-minute marathon which was wrapped up on his sixth match point.

Del Potro's win in New York three years ago was the only occasion in the last 30 majors that the champion wasn't Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Djokovic.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	76	56	.576	--	WASHINGTON	80	52	.606	--
BALTIMORE	73	59	.553	3.0	ATLANTA	74	59	.556	6.5
TAMPA	72	61	.541	4.5	PHILADELPHIA	64	69	.481	16.5
BOSTON	62	72	.463	15.0	NY METS	63	70	.474	17.5
TORONTO	60	72	.455	16.0	MIAMI	59	74	.444	21.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	72	60	.545	--	CINCINNATI	81	53	.604	--
DETROIT	71	61	.538	1.0	St. LOUIS	72	61	.541	8.5
KANSAS	59	73	.447	13.0	PITTSBURG	70	62	.530	10.
CLEVELAND	56	77	.421	16.5	MILWAUKEE	64	68	.485	16.0
MINNESOTA	55	78	.414	17.5	CHICAGO	51	81	.386	29.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	HOUSTON <td>41</td> <td>92</td> <td>.308</td> <td>39.5</td>	41	92	.308	39.5
TEXAS	78	54	.591	--	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	75	57	.568	3.0	SAN FRANCISCO	75	58	.564	--
LA ANGELES	71	62	.534	7.5	LA DODGERS	71	63	.530	4.5
SEATTLE	64	70	.478	15.0	ARIZONA	66	68	.493	9.5
					SAN DIEGO	62	72	.463	13.5
					COLORADO	54	77	.412	20.0
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Juve go top as Roma stun Inter at San Siro

ROME (AFP) - Champions Juventus underlined their Serie A title credentials by going top as Inter Milan were humbled 3-1 by a Francesco Totti-inspired Roma at the San Siro on Sunday.

AC Milan, who finished runners-up to Juventus last season but stuttered against Sampdoria last week, got their scudetto campaign back on track Saturday when Giampaolo Pazzini struck a hat-trick in a 3-1 win away at Bologna.

In Sunday's earlier match Juventus produced a similarly commanding performance in a 4-1 win away to 10-man Udinese which included a brace from Sebastien Giovinco and gave them two wins from two.

While Udinese chief Giampaolo Pozzo was furious at the referee's decision to send off his 'keeper Zeljko Brkic for a foul on Giovinco, the little striker known as the "Atomic Ant" was unforgiving.

"Today it was important to win and give a signal and we did that," said Giovinco, who produced a second half brace to add to Arturo Vidal's first half penalty and a goal from Montenegrin Marko Vucinic.

While there were deserved wins for Napoli and Lazio, Roma's humbling of Inter Milan at the Olympic stadium was the talk of the night.

After 15 minutes former Italy marksman Totti was given space on the left and delivered a perfectly-weighted cross for Alessandro Florenzi to head superbly past the outstretched Luca Castellazzi and into the bottom corner.

After the restart Inter, who hammered promoted Pescara

3-0 away last week, got back on level terms albeit in somewhat fortuitous fashion.

Antonio Cassano, who until last week had been AC Milan's main striker, latched onto a long ball from Dutchman Wesley Sneijder, turned while holding off two defenders and saw his deflected shot rise high and drop into the goal.

His celebrations, less than an hour after being left out of Casare Prandelli's most recent Italy squad, were exuberant but were soon overshadowed.

Roma striker Daniel Osvaldo, who was red-carded for a second bookable offence late in the match, missed two great chances to put Roma ahead while in prime position to score.

But his vision and sense of good timing finally paid off when he beat Inter's failed attempt to spring the offside trap and ran onto a Totti long ball to chip the onrushing Castellazzi.

Totti, whose Roma side could only eke out a late draw at home to Catania last week, told Premium Calcio: "We put in a great performance, because it's not easy to come to (Inter) Milan and win in front of a crowd like this.

While Antonio Conte's Juventus sit top on six points, they are being trailed closely by Napoli (6) and Lazio (6), while Sampdoria's 2-1 win over Siena left the Genoese in third with five points.

Germany international Miroslav Klose, meanwhile, turned in a sublime performance scoring a brace either side of a superb goal by Italian midfielder Antonio Candreva to give Lazio in a 3-0 home win over Palermo.



LONDON, ENGLAND- Alan Fonteles Cardoso Oliveira of Brazil wins gold in the Men's 200m - T44 Final (see story on pg 14)

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Jags running back Jones-Drew ends holdout

JACKSONVILLE (AFP) - Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew 27, ended his 38-day contract holdout on Sunday, even though he hadn't succeeded in getting a new contract with the NFL club.

Jones-Drew led the league with 1,606 rushing yards last season. He has two years left

on a five-year contract worth \$31 million. He is scheduled to make \$4.45 million this season and \$4.95 million in 2013 but wanted to re-negotiate.

"My stats suggest that I've been elite for the past three years and I just wanted to be compensated for it," Jones-Drew said at a news conference Sunday.

Jones-Drew, who failed to report for pre-season training and exhibition games, said that he met with head coach Mike Mularkey on Sunday. He added that there are no hard feelings between the two with the start of the 2012 season approaching this week.

Jones-Drew, 27, is entering his seventh NFL season.